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ELSIE HALL THURSTON

After a long illness, borne with great fortitude, release from suffering came on the night of August 22nd. Death to her seemed but the opening of a door into a larger life, of boundless activities, of illimitable freedom. For hers was a brave, strong faith, of which no pain, nor baffled ambitions, nor thwarted hopes could rob her. It is the only solution of the problem of a life, rich in promise of usefulness and good, ruthlessly cut off before its prime.

Elsie Marion Hall, the only child of Elmer and the late Lillian Capen Hall, was born in Bethel, July 8th, 1885. She was ever very strong physically but was blessed with a temperament which could make headway against obstacles. The death of her mother in 1907, she assumed the responsibilities of making a home for her father, to whom she was deeply devoted, and the pride of whose heart she has always been. More than usual interest went out to the experienced girl upon whose unaccustomed shoulders such heavy cares rested and she won for herself the affection of a wide circle of friends. Because of these demands upon her time and strength she gave up finishing her course at the Academy and devoted herself to the study of music, for which she had marked talent. She became an accomplished pianist and in that capacity figured largely and with great popularity in the life of the community.

Her marriage to Paul C. Thurston on Dec. 25th, 1911, brought much of happiness and contentment. Two children were born to her, Rosalie, now eight, in whom many of us see living again the little girl her mother was, so strong in the resemblance, and Murray, a beautiful boy of three. These children have received from their father's family all the mother's love and care as tender as her own.

Life stretched out before her with many pleasant possibilities when the shadow of fatal disease fell athwart its pathway. All available skill was brought to her aid. Everything that untiring devotion could devise in the way of alleviation was hers. She faced her deprivations with cheerfulness and courage, maintaining always by herself sympathy for those with friends, and has had the comfort of knowing that, however shut out from their activities, she was never forgotten by them.

The inherent courtesy of her nature was constantly manifest in her always prompt and grateful recognition of kindnesses shown her. Often have her friends been touched, as well as surprised, by the instant sweet note of thanks from her for some small courtesy. She kept alive too her interest in affairs of the world. With eagerness she followed the doings of the New York convention in June, which her husband and sister-in-law attended, and was able by her intelligent grasp of the situation accurately to forecast the outcome.

The funeral at the Universalist Church, where she was for many years a member, was attended by the Rev. Mr. Eaton of Rockport, Mass., the same clergyman who officiated at her wedding. The church was completely filled with flowers. Mingled with the words of grief and of conservative blossoms were the offerings of many friends, to whom it had been a labor of love on Sunday morning to go into their garrets and garages, as they had often done, "for Elsie" the flowers which she most loved.

No achievement can add more vitality to the sum of human good than the knowledge of the valiant and serene and unflinching bearing of sorrow and its agonies. Often the finest quality of service is from those who mean "all up the wall to learn." Tender and cheering memories of her quiet heroism set upon all who knew her. And we do the richer in experience for the example of that which is sweetest and best in human relations—the unselfish devotion of her family, which was hers to a degree unknown to the rest.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude to everyone for the many acts of kindness shown us on our time of sorrow.

Paul C. Thurston,
Rosalie Thurston,
Murray Thurston,
E. A. Hall.

ARTEMAS H. MASON

Mr. Artemas H. Mason passed away at his home in Shillington, Tuesday of this week.

NOTICE

The stores in town will be closed all day Labor Day, Sept. 1.

GOULD ACADEMY

Two New Faculty Members Announced

With the opening of the fall term on Sept. 10th, three new names will appear upon the roll of faculty members of Gould Academy.

Miss Virginia M. Hewins of Watertown, Mass., will take the place of Miss Beth B. Morris, resigned. Miss Hewins is a graduate of the Currier School of Expression, Boston, from which institution she also holds a Certificate of Physical Training. In addition to her training at the Currier School, Miss Hewins has also taken a Course in Stage Directing in the "47 Workshop" of Harvard University and a Course in Drama at the University Summer School.

Miss Hewins has had five years' teaching experience and has met with unqualified success. For two years she taught Physical Training and Voice Culture in the Bennett School, Boston, and for the past three years has held the position of Physical Director and Teacher of Dramatic Art in the Wall Court School, a select private school for girls at Aurora-on-Gayuga, New York, which position she resigns to come to Bethel.

In addition to the Physical Training for Girls, Miss Hewins will also direct the Public Speaking for both boys and girls.

Mr. Roland C. Frederick of Dunkirk, New York, will come to Gould as Physical Director for Boys and will also teach one or more academic subjects.

Mr. Frederick was educated in the Wallingford, Conn., High School, Normal School for Physical Education at Battle Creek, Mich., and has taken special courses at Columbia University. His teaching experience covers eight years, during which time he has held the position of Physical Director in the following institutions: Theodorog, New York, High School, Dunkirk, New York, High School, and Northwestern Military Academy at Lake Geneva, Wis. From all these institutions Mr. Frederick brings the highest endorsements as to qualifications, character and successful experience.

Mr. Clayton F. Fossett, who for the past two years has handled the physical training work in a highly praiseworthy manner, will continue to assist in the coaching of athletics, but the increased duties in connection with the manual training work have made it impossible for him to give the needed time to both departments.

BETHEL MAN GETS SPANISH SWINDLE LETTER

A local man received a letter from Spain asking for aid, and promising to return a fabulous return. This scheme is old, having been practiced for a number of years by a gang of swindlers. The letter is as follows:

Barcelona, 227 1924.

Dear Sir,
Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 200,000 Dollars I have in Spain, being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage paying to the Registrar of the Court the expenses of my trial and recover my property containing a secret pocket where I have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum.

As reward I will give up to you the third part, via 133,333 Dollars I cannot receive your answer to the prison but you can forward a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver me as addressed as below.

Awaiting your answer to tomorrow and all my secret I only sign you, E.

First of all assure by cable, and by letter.

JAIME ADAM

Police de Mont de Capat

NOTICE

The fall term of Gould Academy will open on Tuesday, Sept. 10th. The number of pupils to be admitted (given of necessity, be restricted to the capacity of the building, hence local pupils, as well as those from elsewhere, who have not filed applications for admission, should do so at once.

Principal P. E. Hapgood will return to Bethel one week before the opening of school and will be ready to consult with parents or pupils in regard to courses, etc. In the meantime he should be addressed at Jackson's Fall, Maine, 8224.

HOODLUMS SHOOT TWO COWS

Saturday night at about six o'clock a big sedan loaded with men (1) was proceeding toward Locke's Mills and when opposite the home of Bert Patterson one of the occupants of the car shot his cow which was grazing in the field. The car kept on its way and when opposite Frank Brooks' pasture another shot rang out from the car and one of Mr. Brooks' cows was shot. The Patterson cow was injured and will recover, but the Brooks cow was so badly injured that he had to kill her. When the car passed the Brooks house William Mason was standing in the door yard and heard the shot and saw the car, but thought the crowd was celebrating and firing blank cartridges, but when he went to the pasture for the cows he discovered that the cartridges were real and at once started telephoning in an effort to apprehend the car but so slow has as yet been found of the guilty party.

GRANGE NEWS

MOUNTAIN VIEW GRANGE

Mountain View Grange, No. 437, observed Ladies Night, Tuesday, Aug. 19. After the usual routine of business the following program:

Maryland, My Maryland,
Sisters of the Grange
Reading, Celia Wright
Tableau, Four Sisters
Rock of Ages, in pantomime, by the Sisters

Piano Solo, Grace Bennett
Recitation, Marjorie Bennett
Song, "Farewell to Thee,"

Vera Fraser, Elinore Heath
Reading, Mae Wheeler
Recitation, Nora Goodnow
Song, "Home Sweet Home," Grange

After the program a recess was declared in which to partake of refreshments which consisted of sandwiches, punch, cake, ice cream and sherbet. There were two visitors from Winthrop Grange, Stelburne, N. H., and two from Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Two large storage tanks each measuring 35 feet long and 7 feet high with a capacity of 15,000 gallons each, have just been added to the plant representing Volcanic Oil Co. at Bethel, Me., bringing the storage capacity of the plant to over 30,000 gallons, making it possible to store for distribution, 100 Power gasoline and Lenox kerosene in quantity.

Each of the tanks are white enamel inside and are piped in such a way that no moisture that may condense inside can be drawn off several inches below the main outlets, insuring absolute safety from water leakage.

A double "blackmer" rotary pump, driven by a Nova engine, has been installed to move the gasoline and kerosene from tank cars to tanks, also from one tank to another, and is so arranged that three tank cars can be unloaded at one time if necessary.

Everybody knows the wonderful qualities of "Lenox Kerosene." For 25 years it has been sold in practically all the distributing stores, especially all the ones that used lamps, as many homes each week were saved in cleaning lamps, and chimneys. We have been educated to believe that the Volcanic Oil Co. was a kerosene concern, even though we realized that to get kerosene from crude oil, one must also get gasoline, motor oil, machine oil, and other low grades. Up to 1923 all the gasoline that the Volcanic Oil Company made was sold at these references. The addition of several large tank cars and the completion of this miles of pipeline allowed the Volcanic Oil Company to give the public a general distribution of a high grade product at a price that was commensurate with the price of the kerosene, at present time, and also to give the public a choice of the Volcanic Oil Company's products. The Volcanic Oil Company is now a general distributor of a high grade product at a price that is commensurate with the price of the kerosene, at present time, and also to give the public a choice of the Volcanic Oil Company's products.

FINE PROGRAMS AT COMMUNITY CHAUTAUQUA

The Community Chautauqua tent was pitched on the lot below the Dr. Twaddle residence on Church Street, for the annual visit of this association. Mr. E. Newton Smith of New Britain, Conn., was the superintendent; assistant superintendent, James B. Seaman, a student in New York University; play leader, Lydia Schroeder of Chicago, Ill.; tent manager, Floyd Walker of East Jordan, Mich.; who made a very efficient corps of workers. The local junior leader was Miss Vivian Wright.

The Chautauqua opened Monday afternoon, Aug. 18, with the three-act comedy-drama, "Three Wise Fools," which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Monday evening a fine program of music was given by Charles D. Isaacson and his famous artists. Mr. Isaacson also gave an interesting and inspiring lecture, "The Real Estate Value of Music." Mr. Isaacson is a real enthusiastic music lover and puts his whole life and soul into his work.

Tuesday afternoon the Theresa Sheehan Concert Co. presented an excellent program of musical selections and readings, which were much enjoyed. Miss Sheehan is well known along the Chautauqua circuit, having been with them for several seasons. In the evening Howard J. Wischamps, president of the American Business League, gave an interesting lecture on "The Human Element in Business." The Sheehan Concert Company was assisted by Mr. Fred Noonan, the master harmonica player, who could get more music out of a harmonica than any of us ever imagined was in one of them.

Wednesday's programs were given by Charles E. Green's Symphony Band. This band consists of eleven musicians and the leader, and each one of them is an artist, some of them rendering solos on several different instruments. The evening performance was held in the Congregational Church on account of rain and wet grounds. In the music memory contest for the Juniors prizes were won by Miss Catherine Herick and Miss Adelaide Bean. During the afternoon each child present was given a small harmonica, the smallest we have ever seen, about 1 1/2 inches long.

Thursday afternoon's program was presented by Oliver's Philippine Quintet, and consisted of vocal solos and instrumental music. In the evening a very pretty stage setting added to the effect of the program. Hon. W. C. McLaughlin of Cleveland gave an interesting lecture on "Why You Are What You Are."

Friday's program closed the Chautauqua season. In the afternoon the audience was entertained by members of the company who presented the play, "Hurdles," in the evening.

All in all, this year's Chautauqua was bigger and better than the previous ones, and many were the praises and commendations heard from those who attended these entertainments.

AUTOS COLLIDE

Sunday afternoon an automobile driven by Mrs. Roy Grace and one driven by Lester Lane of Upton collided at the foot of Church Street. No one was injured. Mrs. Grace was proceeding on Railroad Street and was making the turn to go up Church Street. Mr. Lane was going down Church Street and instead of waiting to let the Grace car make the turn he endeavored to go by on the left but did not make it. The right front wheel and front fender on the Grace car was ripped off. The Lane car was not damaged.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT BETHEL INN

Miss E. E. Voelker gave a delightful birthday party, Aug. 27, in honor of her husband, Captain Eddie Voelker, who celebrated his 47th birthday. There were eight guests at dinner and Mrs. Voelker had a beautiful cake with eight candles on it. We do not know what the eight candles meant, but we doubt Captain Voelker can explain.

Captain Voelker received telegrams of congratulations from a number of prominent men including President Coolidge, John W. Weeks and Mayor Hylan of New York.

The dinner was followed by bridge given by Mrs. Chapman and a royal good time was reported by all present. The guests included Captain and Mrs. Voelker, Morgan Voelker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, sister of Mrs. Voelker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bailey, Mrs. Cliff and son, Captain J. Fitz, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Chapman, Mr. Herick.

CAMPAIGN PLANS FOR RUMFORD HOSPITAL FUNDS NEARING COMPLETION

Plans for the organization of the campaign to raise \$200,000 for building a modern community hospital at Rumford and a Nurses' Home and Training School are rapidly nearing completion and the various groups who will put over the intensive campaign will be in readiness on September 5th, the night of the opening dinner.

There will be supper rallies on Tuesday, Sept. 9; Wednesday, Sept. 10; Thursday, Sept. 11; Friday, Sept. 12; Monday, Sept. 15, and the final rally, Tuesday night, Sept. 16. All the meetings, at which team members will report the subscriptions received, will be held in the auditorium of the Municipal Building at Rumford.

The work of organization of the towns and villages in Oxford and Franklin counties, in the territory which is dependent upon Rumford for hospitalization, is also progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. Maud L. Johnstone, director of the campaign, visited Rangeley on Monday and is organizing the Lake region. A dinner was held Monday night at which the plans and methods of the campaign were thoroughly discussed.

There will be a meeting at Bethel on Thursday evening, when team members and chairmen from Bethel, Hanover, Newry, Upton, Milton Plantation, Bryant's Pond and Locke's Mills will be present. On Aug. 25 there was a meeting at Dixfield of the organizations in that town, Canton, Wells, Carthage, Berry Mills and Peru.

Practically all team captains and lieutenants for the volunteer force which will operate in Rumford during the campaign have been obtained and team members are now being enrolled. Mrs. Edmund R. Bowers, chairman of the women's corps, together with Mrs. Fred J. Latham, vice-chairman and Mrs. Percy H. Booker, second vice-chairman, announce the following as team captains in the women's corps with their lieutenants: Team No. 11, Mrs. Elmer L. Eldridge, captain and Mrs. Virgil Linnell, lieutenant; Team No. 12, Mrs. R. Brooks Stratton, captain and Miss Susan Martin, lieutenant; Team No. 13, Mrs. Bradford Andrews, captain and Mrs. Harry C. Small, lieutenant; Team No. 14, Mrs. Robert Harris, captain and Mrs. Sadie McLeas, lieutenant; Team No. 15, Miss Hattie Israelson, captain, and Miss Ella D. Ames, lieutenant; Team No. 16, Mrs. Eddie Hoderick, captain and Mrs. Theodore Hawley, lieutenant; Team No. 17, Mrs. Wm. S. Morton, captain and Mrs. C. E. Britton, lieutenant; Team No. 18, Mrs. Charles Howe, captain and Mrs. Celia Gentile, lieutenant; Team No. 19, Mrs. Jessie Gilmore, captain and Mrs. Oville J. Gonyea, lieutenant; Team No. 20, Miss Annie McShane, captain.

P. Edward McCarthy, chairman of the men's corps and Theodore Spear, vice-chairman, announced the following men as captains and lieutenants in the men's organizations: Team No. 1, Dr. G. D. Clark, captain and James Shees, lieutenant; Team No. 2, Frank Levi, captain; Team No. 3, C. W. Lovejoy, captain; Team No. 4, Robert Harris, captain; Team No. 5, Maxwell Green, captain and John Kersey, lieutenant; Team No. 6, Bradford Andrews, captain and H. C. Rolfe, lieutenant; Team No. 7, Henry C. French, captain; Team No. 8, Michael Gentile, captain; Team No. 9, P. Perke Mattison, captain and Team No. 10, David E. Hayes, captain and Clyde W. Watson, lieutenant.

HULBERT-DEARDEN

On Monday morning, Aug. 25, at Conway Center, N. H., Miss Grace Dearden, daughter of Mrs. Mary Dearden of Rumford, Maine, was united in marriage to Mr. Albert W. Hulbert of East Franklin, Maine. Notice of intention of marriage was filed at Conway Center at a previous date, with arrangements for the ceremony to take place at the parsonage at the time. The Rev. A. G. Pease of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiated, in the presence of Mrs. A. H. Pease and Mrs. Everett Thoma. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert left on a tour to include Portland and the Harbor, and a visit to a brother of Mr. Hulbert who is superintendent of schools in Acworth County.

NOTICE

The Methodist Sunday School will have their annual picnic on Labor Day at Range Pond. All those desiring transportation please meet at the church at 9:30.

Mr. E. C. Park was in Portland, Wednesday.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Hon. H. H. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., were in Rumford, Tuesday, to attend Probate Court.

Mrs. Richard Symonds (nee Rena Urran) and mother are guests of Mrs. Fred Hall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bean and party of Albany, N. Y., were camping at Mr. F. F. Bean's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holt of East Bethel called on Mr. and Mrs. George Hapgood and family, Sunday.

Dr. Morris Brown of Dorchester, Mass., was the guest of his brother, Dr. E. L. Brown, a few days last week.

Mr. Harold Bennett from Arlington, Mass., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bennett, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Blisbee have returned from their wedding trip and have rooms at the Blake house on Spring Street.

The Misses Julia and Agnes Lyden of Portland have been guests of their brother, Martin Lyden, for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cole and family of Malden, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Littlehale a few days last week.

Miss Margaret Herick has received an appointment as Clinical Pathologist in a Boston hospital and goes this week to take up the work.

Messrs. L. A. and B. J. Flint, Mrs. S. L. LeBroke and Miss Sadie Rowe of No. Waterford were Sunday callers on Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hapgood and family.

Master Henry H. Hastings, Jr., was one of the youngsters who received a harmonica at the Chautauqua last Wednesday, and while trying to play it after the entertainment he swallowed it. However, the young man is all right and none the worse for his experience.

The annual reunion of the A. P. Brooks family was held Sunday at Range Pond. A picnic dinner was served, and a social afternoon spent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Brooks and family of Oxford, Me., Mrs. Charles Melnick and family of West Bethel, Me. and Mrs. Elmer Brooks and family of Plymouth, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lowell of West Bethel, Me. and Mrs. H. C. Coolidge and family of Errol, N. H.

Milton Chapin's driving horse ran away last Friday. The horse started from the Chapin home and ran down Railroad Street, up Main into Clark Street, and when coming out of Clark Street one of the wheels of the wagon struck the mudguard on Wm. Lowe's auto in which he was going down Main. The horse was finally stopped on Main Street before any great damage had been done.

One day last week Mr. C. L. Davis came up to the post office and parked his car in front of the office. Mr. C. C. Bryant also drove up after his mail and left his car just back of the Davis car. Mr. Bryant got his mail, went out, and instead of getting into his own car he got into the Davis car without stopping to look to see whether he had his own car or not, and drove to his home. Finally Mr. Davis decided to return to his office and went out to where his car had been left and lo and behold it had disappeared. He took the Bryant car and went to the Bryant home on Main Street and found his car parked there. Mr. Bryant did not notice the difference until Davis called his attention to it.

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MAN RUN DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE

Last Thursday afternoon Elmer Colbach was run into and severely injured. He was on his way to work when Frank Spiney of Swan's Corner and Hazen Sweeney appeared, both travelling at a high rate of speed. Spiney in his attempt to pass Sweeney ran out to the edge of the road. Colbach did not see the car and Spiney ran into him breaking a leg, arm and collar bone.

He was immediately taken to the hospital in Rumford in Greenleaf's ambulance. The accident occurred in front of the residence of Tom Vashaw in Mayville.

Spiney was taken before Judge Wm. P. Jones at Norway, Monday, and was fined \$35 and costs for reckless driving.

For Week Ending Aug. 23, 1924

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Miss Edna Torrell of the C. M. G. hospital is spending her vacation with her aunt, Miss Carrie F. Hayford. Dr. Walter Culler and daughter, Miss

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MAINE FAIR DATES

Sept. 1-2—Somerset Agricultural, Anson. C. O. Flanders, Madison, Secretary.

Sept. 1-2-3—South Kennebec, South Windsor. A. N. Douglas, Gardiner, Secretary.

Sept. 1-2-3-4—Maine State Agricultural, Lewiston. J. S. Butler, Lewiston, Secretary.

Sept. 2-3-4-5—Northern Maine, Presque Isle. O. L. Donaldson, Presque Isle, Secretary.

Sept. 6—Norridgewock Agricultural, Norridgewock. S. A. Crommitt, Secretary.

Sept. 9-10-11—Oxford County Agricultural, South Paris. W. O. Frothingham, South Paris, Secretary.

Sept. 9-10-11—North Franklin, Phillips. H. W. Worthley, Phillips, Secretary.

Sept. 9-10-11-12—Somerset Central Agricultural, Skowhegan. Geo. H. Plummer, Skowhegan, Secretary.

Sept. 10-11—Eden Agricultural, Salisbury Cove. Julien Emery, Salisbury Cove, Secretary.

Sept. 13—Emden Agricultural, Emden. George W. Moulton, North Anson, Secretary.

Sept. 16-17-18—Cumberland County Agricultural, Gorham. E. E. Moulton, Cumberland Center, Secretary.

Sept. 16-17-18—Farmington. Frank E. Knowlton, Farmington, Secretary.

Sept. 17-18—Oxford North Agricultural, Andover. Roger L. Thurston, Andover, Secretary.

Sept. 20—Bear River Grange Community Fair, Newry Corner. L. E. Wight, Secretary.

Sept. 23-24-25—Kennebec County Agricultural, Readfield. E. E. Peacock, Waterville, Secretary.

Sept. 24—Cochewagon Agricultural, Monmouth. W. E. Reynolds, Monmouth, Secretary.

Sept. 25—Solon Agricultural, Solon. Joseph Matson, Solon, Secretary.

Sept. 30—Leeds Agricultural Society, Leeds Grange Hall.

Sept. 30—Oct. 1-2—Lincoln County, Damariscotta. Edward B. Deany, Jr., Damariscotta, Secretary.

Sept. 30—Wassersnetts Valley, Athol. Howard E. Chapman, Athol, Secretary.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1-2—West Oxford Agricultural, Fryburg. E. C. Buzzell, Fryburg, Secretary.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1-2—New Gloucester and Danville, New Gloucester. C. L. McManis, New Gloucester, Secretary.

Oct. 2—Richmond Farmer's Club, Richmond.

Oct. 7—Greene Town, Greene. Isabelle M. Coburn, Greene, Secretary.

Oct. 14-15-16—Sagadahoc Agricultural, Topsham. E. C. Patten, Topsham, Secretary.

Nov. 18-19-20—Androscoggin Poultry, Lewiston. A. A. Garcelon, Auburn, Secretary.

Dec. 2-3-4—Freeport Poultry, Freeport. L. G. Cushing, Freeport, Secretary.

Dec. 9-10-11-12—Maine State Poultry, Portland. W. H. Whipple, Portland, Secretary.

Dec. 15-16-17-18-19—Bangor Poultry, Bangor. H. E. Mangovan, Bangor, Secretary.

Dec. 30-31-Jan. 1—South Berwick Poultry, South Berwick. Ralph E. Foss, So. Berwick, Secretary.

Jan. 13-14-15—Western Maine Poultry, South Paris. E. P. Crockett, Secretary.

FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

1 blast, repeated at one minute intervals—Broad Mason and Paradise Streets.

2 blasts, repeated at one minute intervals—Mill Hill.

3 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Church, Park, Upper High, Upper Summer, Elm Streets.

4 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Maine to Bryant's Block, Spring, Brighton, Chapman Streets.

5 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Lower Main, Mechanic, Lower High, Clark, Lower Summer, Verano Streets.

6 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Mill, Mill Yard and Railroad Street.

In case of fire call the telephone at 100, tell the operator where the fire is, and she will send the alarm. There are two alarm boxes, one on the corner of Church and Main Streets, the other on the corner of Main and High Streets at the rear of Wm. C. Bryant's store.

Beavers' Ingenuity

Beavers are not more ingenious today than a thousand years ago. The honey-bee is still content with his hexagonal cell. But to man, nothing is perfect. He is forever demanding greater things of himself and of the world. From the human "a spark strikes out fire."

Deadly Weapon

Many a man who has suffered from finger-lameness at home will be turned to sympathy for the victim described as follows in a country paper: "Alice Jardine, a married woman, was charged with unlawfully wounding her husband, Charles Jardine, by striking him with a pair of tongs."—London Times.

BENEFIT AIR MEET AT OLD ORCHARD

Through the co-operation of American Legion Posts throughout the State, coupled with the splendid support given by the newspapers of Maine, the Second Annual Benefit Air Meet which is to be given at Old Orchard on next Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, is expected to stand the gaze of thousands from all parts of Maine and other of the New England States during these four days. It will in itself constitute the greatest assemblage of aircraft ever undertaken in the history of Maine.

Thousands of dollars in airplanes will be represented at the Beach by the squadron of Army and Navy planes, the Mummert plane, the smallest in the world; the Martin Bomber, largest of the United States Army planes and one of the largest in the world; the Amphibian plane, a waterland ship; the Sperry Messenger plane, and others, in addition to the fleet of commercial ships which will be used exclusively for passenger service.

An aerial circus will be staged each afternoon, this to take every plane at the Beach into the air at the one time and while in the clouds will engage in a series of spectacular maneuvers. There will be bomb dropping contests, aerial aerobatics, pursuit races, speed contests, smoke trails, and altitude contests. And in each of the competitive events silver trophies will be at stake.

ANDOVER

Dana Noble, who was operated on for appendicitis at the C. M. G. Hospital, is getting along finely.

Everett Richards from Lawrence, Mass., visited his cousin, Miss Annie Akers and Mrs. Alice Thurston, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keith from Mechanic Falls were in town, Sunday.

Lester Thurston returned to his business in Kingston, Pa., Saturday, his wife and son will remain with his people, Ralph Thurston and family, for the remainder of August.

Mrs. Merle Burgess from Rumford Center visited her people, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Akers, a few days recently.

Mrs. Nellie Leslie was the guest of her brother, Lewis Ripley, and family at Farmington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gammons and children from Providence, R. I., have been spending a few days with her father, John F. Talbot, and aunt, Miss Mary Talbot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thurston, Roger Thurston and Mrs. Alice Thurston attended the funeral of Mrs. Elsie Hall Thurston at Bethel, Sunday.

Lincoln Dresser and Jean Ellis were in Rumford, Monday.

Miss Annie Akers has been visiting friends in Portland and Waterville this week.

Mrs. Margaret Band and daughter, Mrs. Clara Bell, from Philadelphia are visiting friends in town.

Prof. Harold Stanton, wife, three children and mother from Greenboro, North Carolina, have been recent guests of his cousin, Mrs. Sidney Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbot, in company with their friends in Cumberland Center a few days last week.

Mrs. Jasper Driggers has been entertaining her friend, Mrs. J. E. Doyle, from Shanghai, China, for the past ten days.

SOUTH BETHEL

Sunday callers at Mr. and Mrs. William Walker's were Mr. and Mrs. William Mason and little daughter, Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Milliken of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demers of Saco, and Mrs. Harriet Powers of South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Capeland and Mrs. Eva Hastings of Bethel were in town one day last week.

Frank Stevens is having a gasoline tank installed at his store on the Locke's Mill road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brooks and two children, Francis and Roland, of Orono, N. H., called on Mr. Brooks' brother, W. H. Brooks, and family, Sunday.

Harry Emerson of Auburn was in town, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Walker returned to Lewiston, Monday.

Several from here attended the town meeting (Canaan) at Bethel last week.

Warren Brooks and Emma (nee of Locke's Mill) were in town Friday evening.

Deferred

Harry Emerson of Auburn was in town one day last week.

Willie Walker was at home from Norway over the week end.

Ernest Mason visited his brother, Robert Easters, recently.

Harriet Powers of South Paris visited her niece, Agnes Walker, last week.

Mrs. Charles Schilling of New Orleans is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Year Book.

Sotol Food and Drink

The cabbage-like heart of the sotol, a plant native to New Mexico, was once roasted or boiled and eaten by the natives and the trunk was used to make a distilled drink called "sotol."

MAINE IN SEPTEMBER

Maine in September. That is the word that is going out to visitors now within the gates and to prospective comers from the State of Maine. The Bureau and its subscribers throughout the State. Hotel and camp proprietors within the Pine Tree State have sensed the appropriateness of this year's late business boom in the tourist and vacation trade to tempt visitors to remain later and the demand that has already been created for reservations extending through September is encouraging. Many of the coast resorts will remain open through next month and some out-of-State people have even inquired for accommodations in October.

Maine folks know what Maine offers in scenery and comfortable weather in September. From reservations already made, it is evident that a large number of outsiders intend to see and know for themselves this season, and Publicity Bureau officials are spreading information broadcast in the hope of encouraging still more visitors toward Maine.

Particular attention is being given to the attractions of Mount Katahdin in September and to the late fishing, early hunting and beautiful scenery of that month. Particularly during the last two weeks of September and the first of October is Maine gorgeous in its coloring. And nowhere is Maine better for the scenic lover than at Katahdin. Motorists may now approach this huge tower of nature to within six miles of its base.

Reports from sporting camps and late hotels in the past month have shown fishing conditions to be much better this season than in some years past for August, and indications, according to experts, are that the September fly fishing will be the best of years for this time of year.

This information, together with notice that duck hunting starts September 16th, partridge hunting October 1st and deer hunting October 15th is being given to visitors at the Publicity Bureau and window displays further the campaign effectively. The Bureau officials are anxious to learn of the intention of hotel keepers, both on the coast and inland, to keep open for the tourist and vacation trade through September and into October, in all cases where information has not already been received.

MAINE WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Biddeford—Pepperell Manufacturing Company to continue operation without further shut-down.

Rockland—Iron culvert being constructed in creek south of high school.

Cornwall—Highway to Dexter to be improved.

Brunswick—Property of Shawmut Manufacturing Company purchased by Central Maine Power Company.

Portland—\$80,000 reinforced concrete warehouse being erected on Kennebec Street.

Houlton—Present conditions indicate large potato crop in Aroostook County.

Orono—\$35,000 to be spent repairing buildings at University of Maine.

Bangor—City to install traffic beacons at all important points.

Skowhegan—Plans completed for construction of modern \$300,000 hotel.

Portland—Contracts awarded for laying 600 feet of sewer pipe.

Waterville—Improvements costing \$15,000 under way at Colby College.

Fort Fairfield—Concrete being placed on portions of Main Street.

Portland—Building permits issued for one day totaled \$7,735.

Brunswick—Concrete sidewalks being constructed on Pleasant Street.

Sanford—Additional employees taken on at Sanford mills.

Owls Head—Electric line being built between this city and Rockland.

Portland—Thornton Heights Improvement Society to erect clubhouse.

Belfast—Belfast Valley Canning Company opens bean canning season.

Augusta—\$300,000 deposited in various savings institutions throughout State.

Turner—Five miles of state highway "B" under construction.

Hampton—Boats taken chemical fire engine purchased by city.

Portland—New sewers to be installed in Brighton Avenue and Hay Street.

Wayland—Three miles of main-line highway being constructed.

Portland—Activities at state play on increase.

Napier—Five miles of state highway "B" to be improved.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF MAINE, 1923

EXPENDITURES

Washington, D. C., August 25, 1924.—The Department of Commerce announces the total payments for expenses, interest, and outlays for the state government of Maine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, amounted to \$14,783,941, or \$19.05 per capita. Of this total \$11,224,536 represents the expenses of operating the general departments of the state government; \$77,624, expenses of operating the public service enterprises; \$668,231, interest on debt; and \$2,813,550, outlays for permanent improvements, including those for public service enterprises. In 1922 the total payments for the state were \$15,996,788, and in 1917, \$7,673,450, a per capita of \$20.30 and \$10.08, respectively. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

REVENUES

The total revenue receipts of Maine for 1923 were \$14,161,869, or \$18.25 per capita. This was \$2,104,478 more than the total payments of the year exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$622,072 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations.

In Maine property and special taxes represented 40.7 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 38.2 per cent for 1922, and 58.8 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 13.5 per cent from 1917 to 1922, and 21.7 per cent from 1922 to 1923. The per capita property and special taxes were \$7.43 in 1923, \$6.13 in 1922, and \$5.49 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 14.9 per cent of the total revenue for 1913, 15.0 per cent for 1922, and 12.8 per cent for 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 32.1 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 33.9 per cent for 1922, and 26.0 per cent for 1917. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

INDEBTEDNESS

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Maine for 1923 amounted to \$13,755,851, or \$17.73 per capita. The per capita net debt for 1922 was \$16.36, and for 1917, \$4.92.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND TAX LEVIES

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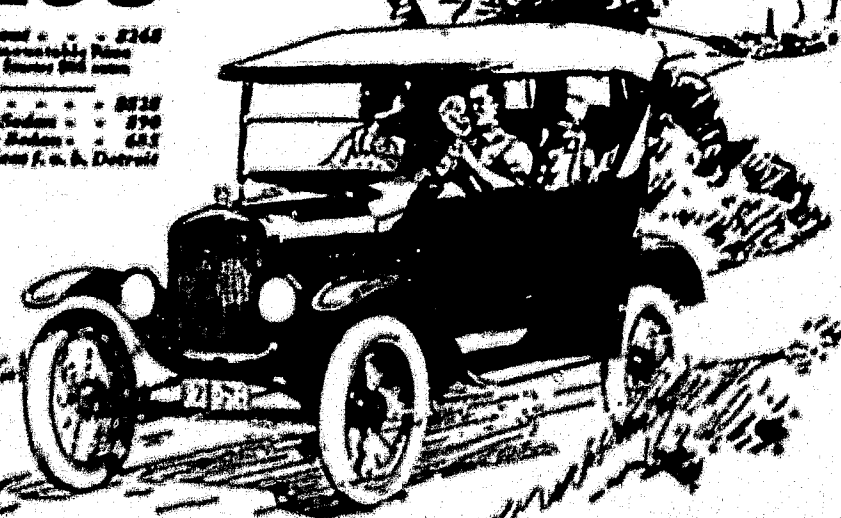
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Synopsis

"If you will give me the support of your arm downstairs, Lord D. shall be glad," she continued to an old woman, and these persons were pale with the shock. "There was a faithful servant gone. I am affected!"

They made their slow progress from the room. Madame de Miremont high. Madame de Miremont was a tall, thin woman, but her good sense and the commiseration she had for the distressed as ever. Her sister, however, was disturbed and she said to Charles, "I know how these things are. Their automobiles are ready in attendance, and the women took their places at once."

"We are much obliged for your assistance, Lord Dombey," Madame de Miremont said.

"I regret that we cannot

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Synopsis

BOOK ONE—CHAPTER I.—Fleeing from a brutal landlord, an unhappy woman, and a proposed husband she detests, Myrtle, young French girl, stands in a country road on the verge of desperation.

CHAPTER II.—Hunted by an exploded fire, two young Englishmen, Lord Gerald Dombey and Christopher Bent, are attracted by the girl's distracted appearance. She begs them to take her away from her misery. In a spirit of adventure they do so, conveying her to Monte Carlo and leaving her with friends. Myrtle speaks English, her mother having been an educated woman.

CHAPTER III.—Gerald sees a beautiful young woman in the gambling rooms, and is fascinated, but can only learn that she is called Pauline de Ponzere and is with her aunt. He is unable to secure an introduction. Christopher and Gerald decide Myrtle shall not go back to her home. Lady Mary, Gerald's sister, secretly in love with Christopher, disapproves of the young man's acquaintance with Myrtle.

CHAPTER IV.—Gerald and Christopher arrange for a mutual guardianship of Myrtle.

CHAPTER V.—Lord Dombey makes the acquaintance of Pauline. He is puzzled by the air of mystery and concealment surrounding her.

CHAPTER VI.—Myrtle falls desperately in love with Christopher, but a natural fear, is only mildly interested in the girl while Christopher Bent really loves her and would marry her.

CHAPTER VII.—A mysterious Russian, Zuhin, whom Gerald learns he knows the de Ponzere, but can get no information from him.

CHAPTER VIII.—Christopher makes little progress in his efforts to win Myrtle, who is completely infatuated with Lord Dombey and would gladly become his mistress. He really cares little for her, his interest being all in Pauline.

CHAPTER IX.—Gerald tells Pauline of Zuhin's gambling. She is at once interested, and asks him to find the Russian and bring him to her and her aunt. Gerald finds Zuhin. The Russian has lost all he had won and practically everything else he had. On their way to the ladies Zuhin kills himself.

Gerald assented readily, and they started off side by side. The Russian was walking with his shoulders hunched, like a man on parade, and Gerald suddenly felt that his own stature had become insignificant. All the way his companion seemed to be receding to himself in some foreign tongue, reciting something which now and then seemed to have the swing of blank verse. As they reached the steps which led up to the Sporting Club, he came to a full stop and glanced around.

"Young man," he said, facing Gerald, "you are probably a little curious about me. This is the truth. Let those know it who may be interested. I am the steward of Madame de Ponzere and the trustee of as much as is left of her revenues. I came here ashamed of her scantiness, and the wild idea of enlarging them at the tables occurred to me. I have failed. There is a volture here, you see, by my side, and the commissionaire is there to help you. I apologize for the trouble I am giving. I charge you to deliver the expression of my undying devotion to Madame and Mademoiselle."

His right hand, which had been fumbling in the pocket of his dinner coat, shot out like lightning. A small receiver, flashing in the electric light, was pressed to his temple. There were two almost simultaneous reports. Madame was already floating about the club when Gerald hurried in five minutes later. Both women looked at him in half-fearful inquiry. Gerald was very grave.

"Madame," he announced, "I bring bad news."

Madame unfolded her black lace fan and fanned herself slowly.

"Does he say a man has shot himself outside?" she asked. "It is, perhaps, the man whom I sent you to seek?"

"It is he," Gerald acknowledged.

Madame de Ponzere rose to her feet. She was an ugly woman when, up to that moment, Gerald had detested her. She found herself now admiring her profoundly. She leaned a little upon the stick which she carried in her left hand. Her right she extended towards Gerald.

"You will permit me to call, perhaps, at the villa?" Gerald begged.

"I shall not be receiving for several days," Madame replied. "If you are so gracious as to leave a card, my servants will tell you when I am disposed to see friends."

The car glided off. Madame leaned back with closed eyes. Gerald caught just a faint glimpse of Pauline's profile, ivory pale, a gleam of terror in her eyes, as though she knew that there were passing over the spot where Zuhin had died.

Chapter X

It was after dinner at the Villa Acacia, and Lady Mary and Christopher, hardest of the little gathering, were strolling back and forth on the terrace in the violet darkness. The two were old enough friends to speak intimately on many topics. They were talking tonight of Gerald.

"Gerald, as a rule," his sister declared, "is almost over-candid about his love affairs. This is certainly the first time I remember him to have been mysterious."

"I don't think he has seen anything of Mademoiselle de Ponzere since the tragedy at the Sporting Club," Christopher remarked.

"Really," Mary sighed, "you young men who should be our greatest comfort are actually our greatest responsibility. First of all you pick up a peasant girl on the road, over whom you both seem to have lost your heads more or less, and now Gerald is behaving like a lunatic about this young foreign woman."

"Has Gerald told you of the latest developments with regard to Myrtle?" Christopher inquired. "I have some friends in London who have promised to take her for a nursery governess."

"Are either of you in love with her?"



"Are Either of You in Love With Her?" Mary Asked.

Mary asked, raising her eyes and looking her companion in the face.

Christopher hesitated for several moments before answering. Mary began to tear into small pieces the strip of oleander which she was holding. Her face seemed suddenly to have become very white and tired.

"I am sure that Gerald is not," Christopher answered. "As for me—well, that sort of thing is a little out of my line, isn't it? The most serious part of the situation is that I am afraid the child is in love with Gerald."

"She will get over that," Mary said dryly. "Most of the girls I know have been in love with Gerald at some time or another. Sooner or later, the wise ones find him out and the butterfly ones fit away somewhere else. It may seem unattractive, but I am more concerned about you, Christopher, than Gerald."

He passed his arm through hers, an action which their increasing intimacy seemed to render perfectly natural.

"Mary," he began, "you are the one person in the world to whom I could confess an impulse of folly, and this is, I suppose, the one place I could do it. I frankly don't understand what you mean by being in love. When I have thought of marriage, it has been in connection with some dear woman friend who would make a home for me and be a companion. Of course, I expected to care for her and all that, but—go on, you won't laugh at me?"

"I shall not," Mary promised.

"For the first time in my life, this child has made me think of other things," Christopher acknowledged simply. "I don't know that it amounts to anything, I dare say really it is an unexpected view of kindness which she has touched, but there it is. I have an absurd feeling of fondness for her. The idea of her becoming a plaything for Gerald or anybody makes a madman of me."

"And she?"

"Looks upon me as a kind person but an intolerable nuisance," she declared of nobody but Gerald. "If he lifts his little finger, she is his."

"Really?" Mary Crawford asked.

"Please don't judge her too harshly," Christopher begged. "Myrtle is tremendously sympathetic of a woman of an immortal air. She is just a child of nature, one instead of being away by the lower faculties, she is swayed by the higher ones. She loves Gerald, and nothing else counts with her. She would have thrown herself into the river sooner than have given herself in marriage to the steward. She is equally capable of giving her life and her soul to Gerald if he requires the sacrifice."

Mary turned her head towards the window.

"I think that father wants his game of backgammon," she observed. "We had better go in, I am afraid. We must talk of this again some time. Will you go first and say that I shall be there directly?"

Christopher stepped obediently through the window, and Mary passed on to the farther end of the terrace, where the shadows were deeper. For a moment her self-control slipped away. Her fingers gripped the ivy stalks fiercely. There were tears in her eyes, her rather firm but sensitive little mouth quivered passionately. It seemed so many years since Christopher had first represented to her all that she desired in manhood—a man of character, a worker, a sportsman when the time came, always ambitious, always ready to pit his brain against others. She had fancied him in parliament, a cabinet minister later in life, perhaps. She had thought with happiness of the many ways in which she could further his career; had dreamed with pleasure of playing hostess for him in a joint establishment. She had known that the consummation of her wish was inevitable, unless something should come between. And something had most unexpectedly come between—this peasant girl, this birth of a spurious sentiment—nothing in a man like Gerald, but very much to be dreaded in a person of Christopher's poise and steadfastness. She was a proud young woman, for all her gracious ways, and, although she refused to find anything final in his attitude, the pain that she suffered in those few moments was not only of the heart.

Christopher and his host, in the intervals of their game, talked of the latest suicide. With the usual amazing secrecy of the local press, not one word had appeared in any paper published in the vicinity.

"I feel a great deal of sympathy for our neighbors," Lord Hinterley remarked. "Old Colonel Huskinson, whom I met on the terrace this morning, told me that the man was bringing them money for some estates he had sold, which were practically their only means of subsistence."

Lord Hinterley picked up his cards. Mary came in from the terrace and seated herself by Gerald's side. The quietness of the evening, however, was almost immediately disturbed. The butler threw open the door, announcing guests.

"The Ladies Victoria and Millicent Cromwell, Mr. James Cromwell, Lady Esmond."

They all trooped in—intimates of the young people of the house.

"We want you to come down to the club for an hour or two," Lady Victoria, who was always the leading spirit, suggested. "Dad's just paid my dress allowance, and I'm dying to lose it, and Jimmy's going to give us supper and take us to dance somewhere afterward."

"Added to which," her sister, Lady Millicent, went on, "we have brought you news. We know all about the man who committed suicide the other night."

There was a dead silence, a most effective background for Lady Victoria's announcement.

"They tried hard to keep it secret," she said, "but an English journalist discovered the truth. The man's name was Zuhin, and he was the steward of two unfortunate ladies who live near you. He had just arrived from Russia with a large sum of money for them, went into the rooms, gambled with it and lost the lot. They say that it was nearly three million francs and that it was every penny those poor women had in the world."

Christopher and Gerald were taking an early morning stroll and displaying an almost feminine partiality for the shop windows, when the former suddenly felt his friend's hand tighten upon his arm. They had paused to look through the plate-glass window of a jeweler's shop in the Rue de Paris.

"What is it, old chap?" Christopher asked.

Gerald pointed to a pearl necklace which hung in the window.

"You see that?" he exclaimed tragically. "That belonged to Pauline de Mademoiselle de Ponzere. And that marriage ring below—I am perfectly certain her aunt was wearing it. What a moment, old fellow."

Gerald entered the shop hesitating. A very scarce Frenchman came forward to meet him.

"Can you tell me anything about that pearl necklace and the ring below?" Gerald inquired.

"Not certainly," said the man regretfully.

He collected the window and looked out the street on which the jewelry store was situated. The shop of the jeweler was wonderful. They were not large, but they had an almost gaudy glow.

"I have no doubt Monsieur is a Jew and I need say little about these pearls," the shopman began. "I would point out to you, however, that they were matched for royalty itself, and the quality of each one is superlative. If Monsieur is a purchaser, I could quote him seven thousand pounds and for that sum there is not such another necklace in the world."

"I recognize the necklace," Gerald admitted. "I might, under certain circumstances, be induced to buy it. I came in, however, to ask you how you obtained possession of it, and the rings below?"

The man's manner changed.

"Monsieur," he said, "I am not able to explain exactly how the jewelry came into our hands. There are certain circumstances which, in the interests of our clients, we are forced to respect."

"Quite so," Gerald agreed, "but I can assure you that I am not an imperi-

ment inquirer. This is my name"—he handed the man a card—"and I was an acquaintance of Mademoiselle de Ponzere, from whom you must have obtained this necklace. I last saw Mademoiselle de Ponzere under very tragic circumstances, and I understand that they have now left Monte Carlo. I am most anxious to obtain word as to their whereabouts."

"I regret deeply that I am entirely powerless in the matter, milord," the man replied.

Gerald held up the pearls and let them slip through his fingers. He remembered something which Pauline had once said to him—"Pearls are the maidens' children. They love and care for them as such."

"I have reason to surmise," Gerald went on, "that a misfortune has befallen these ladies. If they had confided in me, it would have given me the greatest pleasure to have offered them assistance."

The jeweler smiled inscrutably.

"I fear that it would have been useless, milord," he said. "I have had the privilege of knowing the elder of these ladies for some thirty years, and I supplied the first string of pearls which the younger lady ever wore, at the time of her confirmation. I would willingly have undertaken the payment of such debts as were owing in Monte Carlo, without security, but I should never have had the courage to suggest it. You will see an announcement in the evening paper, milord, that all claims against the ladies will be settled by me on demand."

"I'll buy the necklace," Gerald proposed bluntly, "will you tell me how and where to find Mademoiselle de Ponzere?"

The jeweler's bow was almost frigid.

"My word is passed to these two ladies, milord. I have no information to give you."

"You cannot even tell me what relation they were to Monsieur Zuhin?"

"There is no question of relationship, milord. Monsieur Zuhin was, I understand, the steward entrusted with the realization of certain properties belonging to Mademoiselle. I do not know whether I have a right even to say so much," he continued, after a moment's hesitation, "but it suggests itself that it was owing to Monsieur Zuhin's embezzlements—he is reported to have lost several millions at the tables here—that the ladies whom we have been discussing found themselves temporarily embarrassed."

Gerald laid down the pearls.

"If you care to keep these for me for a week," he proposed, "until I get the money from London, I will have them."

The man bowed.

"Monsieur can take them with him," he said, "or permit me to send them to the hotel. Payment can be as desired."

"I have committed an extravagance," Gerald confessed, as the two young men continued their stroll. "I have given seven thousand pounds for a pearl necklace."

"Great Scott! Why?"

"Because I was right in my surmise. It was Pauline's necklace, left there so that they could pay their bills. Madame's rings are there, too. Pretty sort of adventuresses, Christopher?"

"But what are you going to do with the necklace?" Christopher always intensely practical, demanded.

"I am going to keep it until I meet Mademoiselle de Ponzere again," Gerald replied. "Then I shall beg to be allowed to present it to her."

Christopher looked up toward the hills.

"It's too misty for gold," he said. "Shall we go and see Myrtle?"

"What a purpose!" Gerald agreed, without marked interest. "Any news from your nursery governess friends?"

"They can't take her for a month or so," Christopher replied. "I don't quite know what to do about it. I must leave on Thursday week."

Gerald laughed.

"And you don't trust her here with me, old chap, is that it?"

"Something like it, I'm afraid," the other admitted frankly.

was going to happen this morning!" she exclaimed. "I felt it when I got up."

"You were quite right," Gerald assured her. "Something very pleasant is going to happen. I am going to take you over to Nice in the car to lunch."

Myrtle clapped her hands.

"Wait one moment," she begged. "I must go and get some different gloves. I'll catch you up before you get to the corner of the street."

The two young men strolled slowly on. There was a serious expression on Christopher's face.

"And you are taking Myrtle to Nice—Mademoiselle de Ponzere having left," Christopher continued thoughtfully.

Gerald frowned.

"That was rather my idea," he admitted.

Christopher passed his hand through his friend's arm. They had reached the end of the street and turned slowly back again.

"Look here, old fellow, don't be shy," he begged. "You know I'm right. We can only look after this girl decently in one way, and that is by finding her some sort of a situation not too far removed from the way she has been brought up. In which she can earn an honest living. I'm on my way to secure this for her, but if you go turning her head by taking her about to these smart restaurants, and developing her taste for the gaudies of life, you'll only unsettle her terribly and spoil her chances of contentment."

"You've taken her out yourself once or twice," Gerald reminded him. "I never take her to the very fashionable places," Christopher insisted earnestly. "I try all the time to impress upon her the necessity of work and the fact that life out here is merely a holiday existence. Take her to Nice, by all means, if you want to, Gerald, but don't turn her head."

Myrtle came down the street toward them. Gerald's face cleared—as he watched her, it was lit with a wave of admiration.

"She is like a piece of floating sunshine," he declared enthusiastically. "Chris, I'm not at all sure that she ought to be a nursery governess. She's going to be beautiful enough to turn the heads of half the men in Europe."

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NORTH PARIS

The committee of the Community Hall met at the Hall, Monday evening to make plans for an entertainment which will be held next Friday evening.

Callers at A. D. Andrews' on Sunday were Mrs. John McPhee and son, Carl and wife, and Mrs. Curtis McPhee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Littlehale and son, William, and friend Miss Gladys Allen attended church at South Paris, Sunday, as there was not any at North Paris and they heard Mr. E. A. Davis.

Mr. Lester Morgan and Mr. Frank Elwell have gone to Belfast to visit his old home and his brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and two children called on her brother at Hartford, Sunday.

NEWRY

Mr. A. E. Bailey is very ill at his home here.

Walter H. Bond and friend from New York are staying a few days with Mr. Bond's family at their summer home here.

Mr. Sumner Davis and family are having a few days vacation.

The schools in town begin this week after a long vacation.

Miss Marian Leonard visited last week at H. S. Hastings'.

Mrs. L. F. Bartlett is visiting at Rumford Point this week.

Miss Eugenia Saunders is teaching the Powers school and boarding with Mrs. Henry Leonard.

SKILLINGTON

Mrs. J. P. Skillings has returned home from Wakefield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Brown called on Mrs. A. E. Sanborn one day last week.

Mrs. Elias Robinson and son, Rex Robinson have gone to Portland for a visit of two weeks.

Mr. Archie Young and Mrs. Maud Jodkins went to Portland to meet their sister, Florence Young, Wednesday.

Mrs. Maud Sanborn is feeling quite poorly at present.

Annie Damon was in Berlin, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were in Rumford, Saturday.

Frank Chapman and two boys called on his mother, Friday night.

Messrs. George and Leland Mason called on their brother, Sunday.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Wm. S. Hastings was over the week end guest of friends at So. Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gaw and son, Elson, of Arlington, Mass., were callers here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kimball of Brookline, Mass., are here for their usual vacation with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan and Miss Edith and Bessie Trask are spending this week in camp at Andover Surplus.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frost and Miss Marjorie Frost of Ringfield were callers here on return from an auto tour which included Quebec and many other places of interest.

Mrs. George Blake and Mr. Harry Blake from Malden, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. George Swan and family from Dixfield, and Mr. Chas. Swan from Washington, D. C., were recent guests entertained by Mrs. Carrie Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Blake of Everett, Mass., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howe and other members of Alder River Grange attended the special meeting of Oxford County Farmers' held at South Paris, Saturday.

Miss Ruth Holt has returned from Rumford Hospital and is much improved in health.

Mr. Hunt, a young student from Brighton, attended Sabbath School and held interesting services at East Bethel church, Sunday, A. M., Aug. 24.

Mr. Wm. G. Holt has a new Dodge touring car recently purchased.

Strength of Pigeons

The power of a pigeon has been investigated. French scientists recently made flying pigeons mind and a thread wrapped around a reel equipped with a brake, and measured their "horse power." A one-pound pigeon developed the equivalent of one horse power for thirty pounds weight. The experimenters complain, however, that the pigeons were evidently not doing their best.

A Thing Well Done

Whether they work by the hour or piece, planting corn or writing epic, so early it be harvest work, done to these ears of grain. It still earns a reward to the senses as well as to the thought as matter how often defeated, you are born to victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it—Eisenstein.

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